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Community Leaders Ask for Support of the New Bedford Youth Summer Jobs Program

New Bedford, Massachusetts—Early this morning at New Bedford City Hall, Senator Mark C. Montigny, Police Chief Ronald Teachman, and other community leaders joined Mayor Scott W. Lang in hosting a breakfast meeting where they appealed to area businesses for their support of the city's 2007 youth summer employment program.

"Businesses who invest in our youth today will at a later date reap the benefits of an experienced, local workforce," remarked Senator Montigny.

Last year, Mayor Scott W. Lang initiated a summer service program through which 165 New Bedford youth engaged in volunteer and enrichment activities with public and non-profit entities across the City. Last week, Mayor Lang announced that he would this year initiate an expanded summer jobs program that would provide the youth of our city with a combination of work experience, education and community activities.

Today, the leaders who attended the business breakfast encouraged businesses and community organizations to step forward and offer summer employment to a New Bedford youth or to contribute to the program. Any donation made to the "Mayor's Community and Education Fund" is tax deductible and will support the summer stipend program designed to provide valuable work experience for young teens in our city.

"I can't emphasize enough the importance of teaching our children that there are real tangible benefits to maintaining a good work ethic, a sense of personal responsibility, and pride in their community," said Mayor Lang.

New Bedford Police Chief Ronald Teachman underscored the benefits of providing summer jobs where youth can identify with positive role models. "The education our youth receive in the workplace is a important supplement to the education they obtain in the classroom. Youth who have summer jobs are more likely to stay in school, develop a

career path and become successful, productive adult members of our community,” said Chief Teachman.

For more information about how your business or community organization can become involved in supporting the 2007 New Bedford Youth Summer Jobs Program contact Catherine Rollins in the New Bedford Mayor’s Office at (508) 979-1410.

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